

North Smithfield  
Redevelopment Agency

Monday June 12, 2013

Present: Robert Nault, Jay Freitas, Scott Gibbs, John Gibbons, Michael Rapko, and Paul Leclerc

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

Review and Approval of Minutes, April 8, 2013

Scott Gibbs explained that due to the lack of a quorum at the May 13, 2013 meeting, the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting were not approved. Paul Leclerc made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting. Jay Freitas seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion, Consideration and Action Relative to Branch Village Sewer Improvements

Gibbs summarized actions taken by the North Smithfield Economic Development Commission (NSED) at its June 10, 2013 meeting. Specifically, the NSED voted to request that the Town Council authorize the use of \$10,000 from the North Smithfield Loan Program to engage legal counsel to prepare the necessary documentation for the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF). The TIF District would encompass the National Grid utility line improvement area and would be slated as a funding source for sewer improvements in the Branch Village Redevelopment District. Gibbs explained that the NSED is requesting a vote of support from the Redevelopment Agency of their request to the Town Council. Paul Leclerc made a motion to support the NSED's request. John Gibbons seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Gibbs also explained that the NSED voted to request the expenditure of \$1,500 of their appropriation to engage Horsley Witten for a cursory review of the sewer improvement design for Branch Village. The NSED is also requesting a vote of endorsement for this action from the Redevelopment Agency. Paul Leclerc made a motion to endorse the NSED's proposed actions. John Gibbons seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

General Discussion

Gibbs explained that the Branch Village Market Study and ATP property were put on the agenda for future discussion. Gibbs stated that he and John Flaherty met with Smed Blair to discuss the status of the Branch Industrial Park. Gibbs provided an overview of actions taken by Smed in the areas of pre-planning, engineering, and permitting. Gibbs also provided an update regarding efforts to site a solar farm on a portion of the industrial park property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Scott A Gibbs